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SUBJ: UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL, 23RD SESSION: ITEM 6:

ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVALUATION OF FIELD PROGRAMS;
COORDINATION, HARMONIZATION AND SUPERVISION OF THE
USE OF JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS AND ASSOCIATE
EXPERTS

1. SUMMARY. PLENARY DISCUSSION REVEALED TWO POINTS OF VIEW CONCERNING PROGRAM EVALUATION, (1) THE DESIRABILITY OF UNDP, GOVERNING COUNCIL AND RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS BECOMING MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN EVALUATION ACTIVITIES AND (2) DOUBTS REGARDING THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL AT THE 22ND SESSION INVITING MEMBER STATES TO VISIT UNDP FIELD OFFICES TO UNDERTAKE AN ON-THE-SPOT EXAMINATION OF COUNTRY PROGRAMS. GENERAL AGREEMENT WAS EXPRESSED REGARDING THE USEFULNESS OF THE ASSOCIATE EXPERT AND JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICER SCHEMES, WHICH WAS ALSO DISCUSSED UNDER THIS ITEM. END SUMMARY.

2. DOCUMENT DP/224 SERVED AS THE BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS ON PROGRAM EVALUATION. THE COMMENTARY OF DELEGATIONS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CENTERED ON THE INSUFFICIENCY OF EVALUATIVE INFORMATION FROM UNDP. THE CANADIANS NOTED THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS A "USEFUL BEGINNING" BUT SUGGESTED THAT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE IN PROVIDING
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MORE INFORMATION TO THE COUNCIL EVALUATION METHODOLOGY. THE JAPANESE PLEADED FOR A MORE SYSTEMATIC FEEDBACK ON PROJECT EXECUTION. THE NORDICS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SHOULD BECOME MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN EVALUATION BUT ONLY TO PROVIDE THE ADMINISTRATION WITH POLICY GUIDANCE. REGARDING THE PROPOSAL OF THE 22ND SESSION THAT GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBER VISIT UNDP

FIELD OFFICES TO EVALUATE PROGRAM EXECUTION, MAJOR RESERVATIONS WERE EXPRESSED. THE PAKISTANI DELEGATION WHICH INTRODUCED THE IDEA LAST YEAR NOTED THAT ITS SPIRIT HAD BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD AND THAT IT WAS NOT INTENDED AS A MEANS OF EVALUATING UNDP PROGRAMS BUT IN ORDER TO SEE HOW UNDP FIELD OFFICES FUNCTIONED. SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRY DELEGATIONS, INDIA AND MALTA, SERIOUSLY QUESTIONED THE UTILITY OF THE VISITS. A NUMBER OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, LED BY CANADA, SPOKE STRONGLY AGAINST USING UNDP FUNDS FOR SUCH VISITS.

3. IN THE WRAP-UP STATEMENT THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR PROGRAM AND POLICY STATED THAT IN THE FUTURE MORE INFORMATION ON PROGRAM EVALUATION WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL.

4. ON THE SUBJECT OF THE USE OF ASSOCIATE EXPERTS AND JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS IN UNDP FILED PROGRAMS FULL AGREEMENT WAS EXPRESSED CONCERNING THEIR IMPORTANT ROLE AND USEFULNESS TO THE UNDP AND THE AGENCIES THEY SERVED. SPECIALIZED AGENCIES REPRESENTATIVES, NOTABLY FAO, EXPLAINED THE HISTORICAL SETTING AND THE EVOLUTION OF THE CONCEPT OF USING YOUNG UNIVERSITY GRADUATES IN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (NIGER, BRAZIL, ETC.) SPOKE FAVORABLY OF THEIR EXPERIENCE. DONOR COUNTRIES (BELGIUM, DENMARK) EXPRESSED THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE THEIR PARTICIPATION. SEVERAL COMMENTS WERE MADE (FRG AND SWITZERLAND) REGARDING THE NEED TO ENSURE BETTER INTEGRATION OF THE ASSOCIATE EXPERTS IN FIELD UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAMS AND STANDARDIZING THEIR JOB DESCRIPTIONS.

5. THERE WAS ALSO DISCUSSION OF THE RECENT INNOVATION OF SWEDEN AND OTHERS TO PAY THE COSTS OF ASSOCIATE EXPERTS RECRUITED FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF SEVERAL DELEGATIONS FOR UNDP TO HARMONIZE THE DISPARATE PROCEDURES OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES REGARDING THE HANDLING OF ASSOCIATE EXPERTS THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR PROGRAM AND POLICY NOTED THAT THE SUBJECT WOULD BE TAKEN UP AT FUTURE INTER-AGENCY MEETINGS OF THE PROGRAM WORKING GROUP AND THE IACB. SHERER

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